

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on January 8, 2008. In response, Applicant is resubmitting the amendments originally filed on December 7, 2007, but without the change from 'type' to 'input' in claims 11 and 22. As a result, this Amendment now only: (i) cancels claims 1-10 and 12-21; (ii) rewrites claim 22 in independent form; and (iii) corrects a minor typographic error in claim 24.

As previously discussed, the Examiner rejected the remaining pending claims under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Penfield, Rank, and U.S. Publication 2004/0181748 (Jamshidi). Applicant notes that the Jamshidi reference is only prior art under Section 102(e), and that the Jamshidi reference and the present patent application were commonly owned at the time of the invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Jamshidi reference is not available to support an obviousness rejection. *35 U.S.C. §103(c)*

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 11 and 22-24) are in condition for allowance and that the Application should be passed to issue.

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